Haldia petro-chemical projecte

692. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Qusetions 579 and 1416 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th July, 1985 and 2nd December. 1985 1925 respectively and state the reasons Government have refused to enter into financial collaboration (equity capital) with the West Btngal Government fo$_r$ the proposed Haldia Petro-chemical Project?

THE MINISTER OF STAT I THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): On account of resource constraint it has not been found possible for Central Government to participate in the equity capital of the proposed Haldia Petrochemical Project.

Stopping: production of formulators by IDPL Muzaffarpur

693. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRl S.W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pro duction of certain formulations have been stopped by IDPL, Muzaffarpur, if so, what are those formulations and what are the reasons for stoppage of their production; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to restart the closed units.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and b) As Muzaffarpur Plant has no formulation capacity rhe question of stoppage of production of formulations does not arise.

694. DR. SHANTI G. PATEL:
SHRl M. S. GURUPADASWAMY;
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the performance of Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals has been steadily going down since its inception;

(b) whether the IDPL had made any profit in the past;

(c) whether the deteriorating conditions are due to top Management which has been drawn from Multinationals in the industry; and

(d) if so, whether any efforts are being made to enlist local Indian ta lent and fresh chemists and pharma cists in the IDPL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) IDPL made profits from 1974-76 to 1978-79. Losses since 1979-80 have been fluctuating.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Managing- Director of German remedies

695. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA; Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government $_a$re considering the candidature of Mr. Gordon R. Wing of Australia for the Managing Director of German Remedies Limited;

(b) whether any decision h&s been taken about the candidature ol Mr. H. J. Voss, the Managing Director ol German Remedies who had applied last year for the renewal of his tenure as a Managing Director; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose *to* allow a foreigner to become the Managing Director or whether another very senior Executive Director of the company would be allowed to succeed the rehiring Managing Director?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Government is considering a proposal received from the company for the appoint ment of Mr. Gordon R. Wing, who is a British National, as the Managing Director.

(b) The proposal of the company for re-appointment of Mr. H. J. Voss as its Managing Director with effect from 2.4.1984 has already been re jected hy the Government.

(c) The decision on the company's proposal referred to in (a) above will be taken on merits.

Settting up gas cracker complex in Gujarat

696. SHRl VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Gujarat had applied in July, 1979 to set up a Gas Cracker Complex based on Bombay High Gas;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Central Government have approved Kawas near Surat in Gujarat for setting Gas Cracker Complex;

(c) whether the Central Government had directed the State Government to prepare a feasibility report for the project;

(d) whether the Government of Guiarat had submitted the same report to Central Government lon^
back;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the Central Government have cleaned Maharashtra Gas Cracker and Petro-chemical Complex; and

(f) whether the project of the Government of Gujarat has not been cleared so far and if so, by when it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The earlier application of the State Government of Gujarat for an industrial licence could not be cleared as the availability of feed stock had not been tied up. The revised proposal of the State Government, received in October, 1985, which is based on natural gas condensates as feed stock is under process. The question of clearing this proposal, bj' way of issue of a letter of intent would arise after issues such as viability of the project, suitability of product mix, assured availability of feed stock and availability of financial resources with the State Government are resolved.

Price control of essential drug

697. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM; Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to bring 65 drugs under price control which are mostly life saving and essential drugs;

(b) if so, whether adequate measures have been taken or likely to be taken to ensure availability of these drugs at controlled prices and what are the details of the measures taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) if no such measures have been taken so far, what are the reasons therefor and whether such measures are proposed to be taken now; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS